



Gifted Conference

Parents and Teachers of Gifted Students



Canyon del Oro HS ~ October 4th

Provided by: REACH – Amphitheater Gifted Services

Hosted by: Canyon del Oro HS – 25 W. Calle Concordia, Tucson 85704

Cost: **Free – Open to all parents and teachers***

****Teachers earn recertification and gifted endorsement hours for morning & afternoon programs***

Morning events: Gifted Education Topics 8 am – 12 pm (check-in 7:30)

Keynote: **Dr. James Webb:** co- author of *A Parents Guide to Gifted Children*

Break-out sessions: Parenting Successful Children; Gifted Intensity & the Gifted Brain; Gifted 101- What every parent should know; The Great Enigma – Gifted Underachievement; Motivation and Underachievement; Johns Hopkins Talent Search; Future Problem Solving Scenario Writing Competition

Vendors and displays: Great Potential Press – books on gifted available for sale; REACH showcase of student work samples; CDO International Baccalaureate Program; Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented (AAGT); Arizona Odyssey of the Mind Program

To register for the morning events contact Andrea Carr: acarr@amphi.com OR call 520-696-5189 (Forgot to register? Walk-ins welcome)

Afternoon events: Odyssey of the Mind Coach Training 1 pm –4 pm (check-in 12:30)

Special strand for coaches of primary teams, General rules, spontaneous problem solving, team and program development and question-answer session.

To register for the afternoon Odyssey Coach Training contact Texana Sonnefeld: texana@babcotucson.com (Forgot to register? Walk-ins welcome)

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About our keynote speaker: JAMES T. WEBB, PH.D, ABPP-CL - Clinical Psychologist

James T. Webb, Ph.D., has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on gifted education. Dr. Webb has written 16 books, over 75 professional publications, three DVDs, and many research papers for psychology conventions or for conferences regarding gifted and talented children. Six of his books are on gifted children and adults, and four have won "Best Book" awards.

- ❖ *Guiding the Gifted Child: A Practical Source for Parents and Teachers*-- which won the National Media
- ❖ Award of the American Psychological Association as the best book for "significantly contributing to the understanding of the unique, sensitive, emotional needs of exceptional children."
- ❖ *Grandparents' Guide to Gifted Children* – winner of two awards
- ❖ *Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders* – winner of three awards
- ❖ *Gifted Parent Groups: The SENG Model, 2nd Edition*
- ❖ *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* – winner of three awards
- ❖ *Searching for Meaning: Idealism, Bright Minds, Disillusionment, and Hope*

In 1981, Dr. Webb established SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of Gifted Children, Inc.), a national nonprofit organization that provides information, training, conferences, and workshops, and he remains as Chair of SENG's Professional Advisory Committee. In 2011, he was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Association for Gifted children, the Community Service Award from the National Association for Gifted Children, and the Upton Sinclair Award by EducationNews.org. A frequent keynote and workshop speaker at state, national and international conventions, Dr. Webb, a licensed and board-certified psychologist, has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *The Phil Donahue Show*, *CNN*, *Public Radio International*, and *National Public Radio*.

Keynote: Parents Guide to Gifted Children

Based on Dr. Webb's book, *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children*, this session describes the social/emotional needs, interpersonal, and emotional patterns of gifted children, along with frequent problems that occur. Characteristics of gifted children are influenced by four major factors: the level of giftedness, asynchronous development, overexcitabilities, and thinking styles. This session will help parents understand these factors, and how they influence issues such as peer difficulties, underachievement, power struggles, rebelling against traditions, perfectionism, and depression. Practical suggestions will be given, along with questions from the audience about situations with their gifted children.

Break-out session: Parenting Successful Children

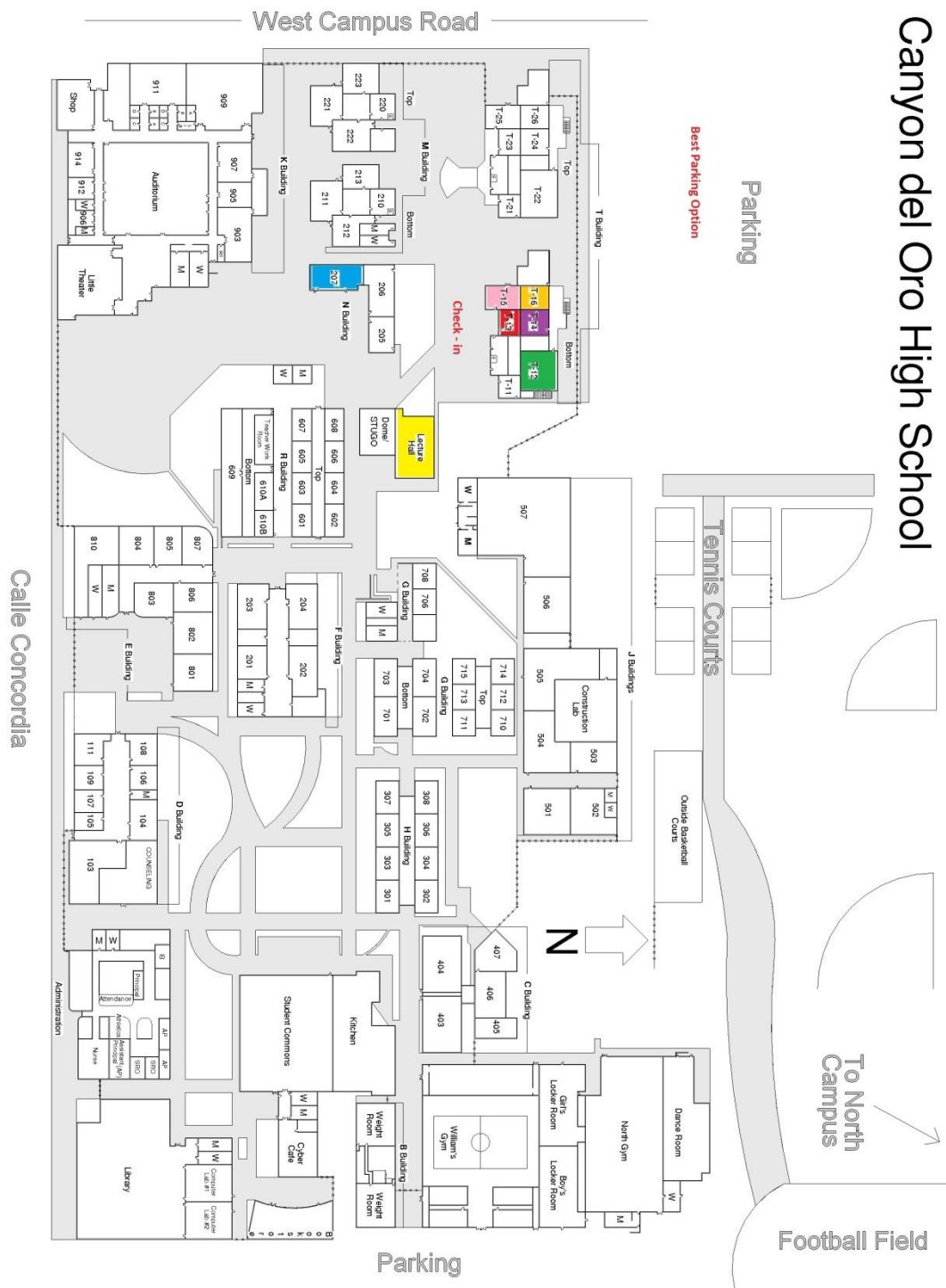
In today's society, it is more difficult to successfully parent children, as well as to parent successful children. Success is more than simple academic, vocational, or professional achievement. Resiliency, self-esteem, self-motivation, and self-discipline are keys. Although relationships are of paramount importance, the pace of modern life and technological innovations often create barriers to relationships. This session describes practical parenting strategies to promote relationships that can help a child find his or her passion in life, and that allow a child to learn values, develop the ability to set priorities and the persistence to follow through on them, yet achieve a sense of personal balance. Specific approaches and techniques are described to help parents raise successful children.

Break-out session: Motivation and Underachievement

Many gifted children underachieve and have problems with motivation or task commitment. Motivation—far more than intellectual ability or creativity—can be influenced, shaped, and developed. Dr. Webb initially describes the most common reasons for motivational problems, and then focuses on practical "how to" techniques useful for parents and teachers of all children, but particularly appropriate to gifted children. Transfer of motivation, successive successes, anticipatory praise, and similar techniques are used to develop internalized motivation, appropriate goal-setting, and tolerance of frustration. Torrance's "teachers who make a difference" results are shared.

LUNCH Participants planning to attend both morning and afternoon sessions are welcome to bring snacks or sack lunches and picnic on our lovely campus. There are also quite a few fast food establishments in the immediate vicinity.

Canyon del Oro High School



Keynote address – in the CDO Lecture Hall – **YELLOW on your map**

Vendors and displays in the CDO Noble Street Art Gallery – **BLUE on your map**

Break-out sessions in the bottom classrooms of the T building – Various colors on your map

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